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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports from $12,792.5 million in 1958 to the record total of $15,212.3 million in 1959 reflected increases in annual general imports from all continents as follows: Europe, from $3,340.5 to $4,607.4 million; Asia, from $1,983.4 to $2,595.9 million; North America, from $4,403.7 to $4,635.5 million; Australia and Oceania, from $207.6 to $337.5 million; South America, from $2,299.8 to $2,445.6 million; and Africa, from $557.5 to $590.4 million. From 1958 to 1959 annual general imports from O.E.E.C. and sterling area countries increased from $3,151.2 to $4,359.6 million and from $2,109.0 to $2,685.4 million, respectively.

The Bureau also announced that the sizable increase in United States general imports from $1,282.2 million in November to the record total of $1,477.8 million in December resulted primarily from increases in imports from the following areas: Latin American Republics, from $261.8 to $353.0 million; Western Europe, from $397.5 to $464.8 million; and dependencies of Western Europe, from $79.9 to $93.4 million. Imports from Canada decreased slightly from $291.5 to $288.7 million. Imports from "all other countries" advanced from $251.6 to $277.9 million.

From November to December general imports from all continents increased. The rise in United States general imports from Europe, from $402.4 million in November to $471.7 million in December, was due largely to increases in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: West Germany, from $82.5 to $99.4 million; Italy, from $32.2 to $44.0 million; Turkey, from $4.1 to $15.1 million; Belgium and Luxembourg, from $33.7 to $41.3 million; and the United Kingdom, from $96.6 to $103.6 million. Noticeable increases in imports from Brazil, from $39.0 to $66.5 million; Venezuela, from $77.2 to $96.3 million, and Chile, from $17.3 to $25.8 million, accounted for the bulk of the increase in imports from South America from $187.8 to $251.3 million. Imports from North America rose from $398.7 to $429.7 million owing chiefly to higher levels of imports from Mexico, from $28.3 to $39.1 million; El Salvador, from $0.9 to $5.6 million; Netherlands Antilles, from $22.5 to $26.9 million; and Guatemala, from $9.0 to $13.1 million.

Increases in imports from Japan from $95.9 to $107.8 million and Kuwait, from $11.1 to $14.6 million were the chief factors in the rise in imports from Asia from $221.4 to $235.8 million. However, imports from the Republic of the Philippines fell from $21.1 to $14.7 million. Imports from Africa rose from $51.3 to $60.7 million reflecting in part an advance in imports from Ghana from $4.2 to $8.7 million. Imports from Australia and Oceania rose from $20.6 to $28.7 million as a substantial increase was reported in imports from Australia, from $14.1 to $20.7 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Effective January 1958, formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. (During 1954-1957, imports valued at $250 or less reported on formal and informal entries were estimated by sampling.) The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than $50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: DECEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with statistics through those for December 1959. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country[1]	December 1959	November 1959	December 1958	Monthly average 1958
Total trade	1,477.8	1,282.2	1,253.5	1,066.0
Western Europe	464.8	397.5	350.1	272.8
Dependencies of Western Europe	93.4	79.9	102.2	83.0
Canada	288.7	291.5	232.9	222.8
Latin American Republics	353.0	261.8	353.6	297.5
All other countries	277.9	251.6	214.6	189.9
O.E.E.C. countries	447.0	383.5	335.2	262.6
Sterling area countries	254.8	222.1	217.8	175.7
North America	429.7	398.7	393.6	367.0
Greenland[d]	(*)	0.3	(*)	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	288.7	291.5	232.9	222.8
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands[d]	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
Mexico[a]	39.1	28.3	43.2	37.8
Guatemala[a]	13.1	9.0	7.9	5.5
British Honduras[b,d]	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1
El Salvador[a]	5.6	0.9	8.4	4.0
Honduras[a]	1.3	1.4	1.9	2.3
Nicaragua[a]	0.8	0.7	1.7	1.8
Costa Rica[a]	3.2	2.1	4.3	3.0
Republic of Panama[a]	2.0	1.6	2.1	2.0
Canal Zone	0.1	(*)	0.2	0.1
Bermuda[b,d]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas[b,d]	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.9
Cuba[a]	27.5	23.7	35.7	43.7
Jamaica[b,d]	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.4
Haiti[a]	2.4	2.1	2.3	1.9
Dominican Republic[a]	10.2	7.0	5.9	6.0
Leeward and Windward Islands[b,d]	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Barbados[b,d]	(*)	0.1	...	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b,d]	3.5	1.1	5.4	3.9
Netherlands Antilles[d]	26.9	22.5	35.4	26.3
French West Indies[d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
South America	251.3	187.8	242.2	191.6
Colombia[a]	30.1	25.5	25.9	27.6
Venezuela[a]	96.3	77.2	87.2	74.1
British Guiana[b,d]	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3
Surinam[d]	2.9	2.3	1.6	1.8
French Guiana[d]	(*)	...	0.1	(*)
Ecuador[a]	5.6	4.5	4.2	4.7
Peru[a]	12.5	11.8	13.3	10.2
Bolivia[a]	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.7
Chile[a]	25.8	17.3	19.3	12.9
Brazil[a]	66.5	39.0	69.4	47.1
Paraguay[a]	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.6
Uruguay[a]	0.7	0.9	2.2	0.7
Argentina[a]	8.8	7.8	17.1	10.9
Falkland Islands[b,d]	...	...	...	...
Europe	471.7	402.4	354.3	278.4
Iceland[b,c,e]	2.2	1.1	1.6	0.8
Sweden[c,e]	21.5	17.3	16.5	10.3
Norway[c,e]	8.5	7.1	6.4	6.2
Denmark[c,e]	11.1	7.4	11.1	7.0

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: DECEMBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	December 1959	November 1959	December 1958	Monthly average 1958
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,e]	103.6	96.6	84.3	72.0
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,e]	2.5	1.7	3.4	1.3
Netherlands[c,e]	20.1	17.8	16.3	15.7
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,e]	41.3	33.7	27.4	22.4
France[2,c,e]	45.0	42.9	36.1	25.7
West Germany[2,c,e]	99.4	82.5	65.5	52.4
East Germany	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5
Austria[c,e]	4.3	6.1	4.3	3.4
Czechoslovakia	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.6
Hungary	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Switzerland[c,e]	19.6	22.5	16.1	13.0
Finland[c]	6.1	3.2	3.6	3.0
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	3.0	1.0	0.5	1.5
Azores[d]	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Spain[c]	8.7	7.3	7.4	4.7
Portugal[c,e]	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.8
Gibraltar[b,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus[b,d]	(*)	0.1	0.3	0.3
Italy[c,e]	44.0	32.2	31.7	22.7
Free Territory of Trieste[c,e]	(*)	...	0.7	0.1
Yugoslavia[c]	3.1	3.5	4.0	2.4
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,e]	6.4	8.0	9.4	3.1
Rumania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Bulgaria	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Turkey[c,e]	15.1	4.1	2.5	4.6
Asia	235.8	221.4	192.3	165.3
United Arab Republic (Syria Region)[3]	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4
Lebanon	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia)[b]	2.6	3.0	4.8	2.5
Iran (Persia)	3.3	4.0	3.8	3.5
Israel	1.7	3.0	1.9	1.5
Palestine	...	...	(*)	(*)
Jordan[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait[b,d]	14.6	11.1	17.6	13.9
Saudi Arabia	3.4	3.3	5.9	6.0
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	0.1	1.0	0.6	0.5
Aden[b,d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
State of Bahrein[b,d]	...	...	(*)	0.4
Afghanistan	2.5	1.5	2.1	1.1
India[b]	18.2	16.4	17.5	15.8
Pakistan[b]	2.7	2.9	3.2	2.2
Nepal	...	...	...	(*)
Ceylon[b]	3.4	2.8	3.3	2.3
Burma[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	7.2	8.4	7.1	4.8
Viet-Nam	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.4
Laos	(*)	...	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.9	1.4	1.0	0.8
Federation of Malaya[b]	17.7	15.8	12.1	7.8
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo[4,b,d]	2.4	1.8	4.1	2.7
Republic of Indonesia	15.0	12.6	16.6	14.2
Republic of the Philippines	14.7	21.1	15.5	22.7
Macao (Macau)[d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.[d]	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.4

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Continent and country[1]	December 1959	November 1959	December 1958	Monthly average 1958
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	(*)	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2
Hong Kong [b,d]	11.6	10.3	4.9	4.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	1.7	1.9	1.3	0.9
Japan	107.8	95.9	66.3	55.5
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.	0.2	0.2	0.1	(*)
Australia and Oceania	28.7	20.6	17.6	17.3
Australia [b]	20.7	14.1	10.5	7.9
New Guinea [b]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
New Zealand [b]	7.2	6.3	7.1	9.2
British Western Pacific Islands [b,d]	(*)	0.2	(*)	0.1
French Pacific Islands [d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.2
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	0.7	...	...	(*)
Africa	60.7	51.3	53.5	46.5
Morocco	0.6	1.4	0.4	0.6
Algeria [d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Tunisia [d]	(*)	(*)	0.2	0.3
Libya [b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) [5]	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.5
Sudan	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Canary Islands [d]	0.1	0.2	...	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c. [d]	(*)	...	...	(*)
Cameroon [d]	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.6
French Equatorial Africa [d]	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3
French West Africa and Republic of Togo [6,d]	3.4	2.3	2.7	2.5
Ghana [b]	8.7	4.2	8.7	5.2
Nigeria [b,d]	3.2	3.7	4.5	1.9
British West Africa, n.e.c. [b,d]	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Madeira Islands [d]	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Angola [d]	2.2	4.5	3.5	3.1
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c. [d]	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.1
Liberia	5.5	2.8	4.4	2.8
Belgian Congo [d]	9.0	6.7	6.6	7.9
Somaliland	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	0.8	0.6	1.1	2.4
French Somaliland [d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
British Somaliland [b,d]	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies [b,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies [b,d]	...	...	...	(*)
British East Africa [b,d]	4.5	2.7	5.5	3.9
Mozambique [d]	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
Madagascar [d]	0.9	0.6	1.6	1.4
Union of South Africa [b]	14.8	14.3	10.8	8.2
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland [b]	4.5	4.5	1.5	2.7

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]Dependencies of Western Europe. [e]O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]The Saar included with West Germany beginning July 1958. For prior periods, the Saar is included with France. [3]United Arab Republic (Syria Region) beginning July 1958, formerly Syria. [4]Colony of Singapore; British Borneo beginning July 1958. Shown as Colony of Singapore during first half of 1958. [5]United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) beginning July 1958, formerly Egypt. [6]French West Africa and Republic of Togo beginning July 1958, formerly French West Africa.